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# Summer Explorers!

Japanese Anime Screenings



Date: Saturday, 1 August 2015

Venue: BAFTA, 195 Piccadilly, London W1J 9LN

Nearest tube station: Piccadilly Circus or Green Park

This summer the Japan Foundation have organised a day packed full of special anime film screenings, all of which can be enjoyed on the big screen!

11:30am: Anime for Everyone!

(Recommended for ages 2+)



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## KOMANEKO - The Curious Cat (こま撮りえいが こまねこ)

From the director of the Domo-kun series, this series of charming short films tells the story of a very curious kitten named Komaneke who lives with her grandfather in their mountain home, and all of her fun filled adventures! Komaneke deals with many challenges, but also manages to befriend everyone she meets including Radibo — a gadget-obsessed cat who loves trains and model airplanes — a ghost, and some cute wildlife. A great film for kids 2+!

Directed by Tsuneo Goda / 2006 / 60min / Colour / No Dialogue

1:00pm: Anime Goes Underground

(Recommended for ages 8+)

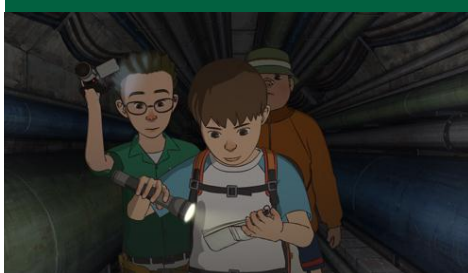


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## SOS! TOKYO METRO EXPLORERS: THE NEXT (新 SOS 大東京探検隊)

In the summer of 2006, 5th grader Ryuhei Ozaki finds a mysterious journal titled "Tokyo Exploring Records". The text, written by his father Shohei when he was himself a kid, tells of a hidden treasure in the Tokyo underground. Together with his friends, Ryuhei forms a search team, heading through a manhole into a world that goes beyond imagination. Will the boys discover the "Treasure of Japan" hidden beneath the city, and be able to get past its fierce guardian and a whole lot of odd, yet friendly 'undergrounders'?

Directed by Shinji Takagi / 2006 / 40min / Colour / English subtitles



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**Negadon: The Monster from Mars (惑星大怪獣ネガドン)**

In the year 2025, a returning spaceship to earth crash-lands on the streets of Tokyo, unleashing Negadon, a giant monster from beneath the surface of Mars. The only man who can stop Negadon and save earth is Dr Narasaki and his long-abandoned robot Miroku. This exciting clash of the titans is a fantastic CG animated homage to Japan's kaiju (monster) movie era!

*Directed by Jun Awazu / 2005 / 25min / Colour / English subtitles*



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**Kakurenbo: Hide and Seek (かくれんぼ)**

Created by Shuhei Morita, director of the Oscar-nominated *Possessions* from the anime anthology movie *Short Peace*, this award-winning CG sci-fi horror anime is set in amongst the ruins of an abandoned old city, an eerie place where there is a game that only kids can play. In a twisted version of hide and seek where contestants are believed to be spirited away by demons, Hikora, joins the game with hopes of finding his missing sister, Sorincha. Lead on by a mysterious girl, will he discover the truth behind the game as one by one the children begin to disappear?

*Directed by Shuhei Morita / 2005 / 24min / Colour / English subtitles*

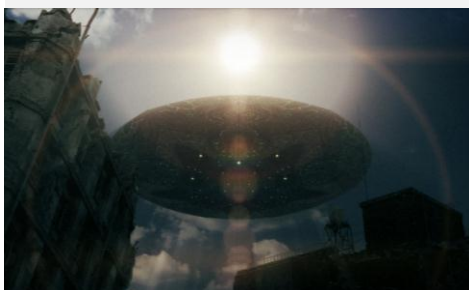


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**Planzet (プランゼット)**

Set in 2053, *Planzet* is a full-CG animation film depicting a war between humans and space organisms. After Hiroshi Akishima's father is killed by alien lifeform codenamed FOS, he joins the Planetary Defence Forces Alliance, working his way up to be a pilot of the robot weaponry called 'GL'. Plunged into a final battle to decide the fate of the human race, now might just be Hiroshi's chance to get revenge.

*Directed by Jun Awazu / 2010 / 53min / Colour / English subtitles*



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**Science Ninja Team Gatchaman: The Movie (科学忍者隊ガッチャマン)**

Revolving around five teenage superheroes who together form the Science Ninja Team Gatchaman, this science fiction film is based on a popular anime series by the same name from the 70s. In order to defeat Sosai X who is the leader of Galactor, an evil alien terrorist organisation, the five superheroes arrive in their spaceship "Godphoenix" in the hopes of stopping Galactor's plans of world domination.

**Featuring an intro by Japanese anime expert Helen McCarthy.**

*Directed by Hisayuki Toriumi / 1978 / 110min / Colour / English subtitles*

**Booking:**

*These screenings are free to attend but booking is essential.  
To book a place, please visit: [summerexplorers.eventbrite.co.uk](https://www.summerexplorers.eventbrite.co.uk)*

Main image (from top to bottom): Negadon: The Monster from Mars (part); KOMANEKO - The Curious Cat (part); Science Ninja Team Gatchaman: The Movie (part); Kakurenbo: Hide and Seek (part)

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